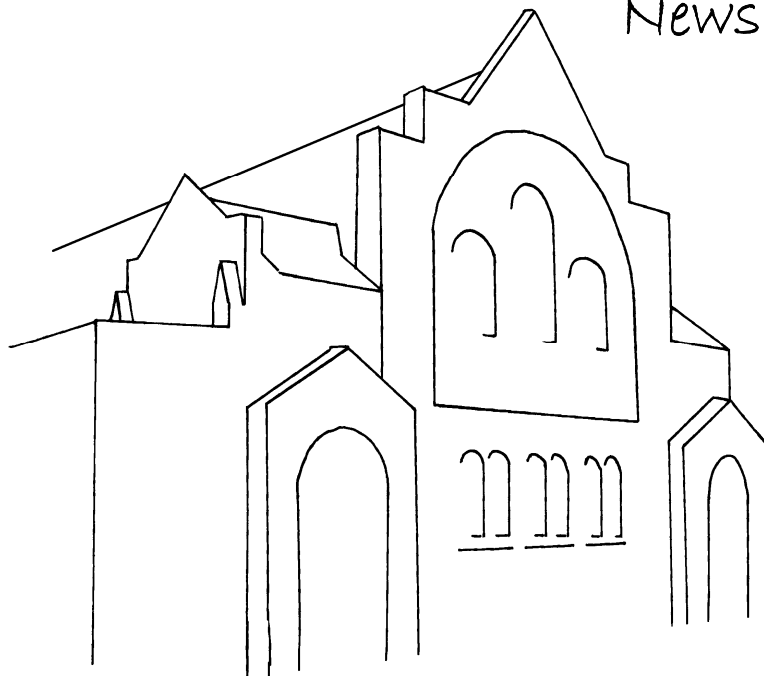


# April



2011

## Newsletter



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*Have you seen the news on the Church Internet site? Check it out at [www.bhpurc.org.uk/news.htm](http://www.bhpurc.org.uk/news.htm)*

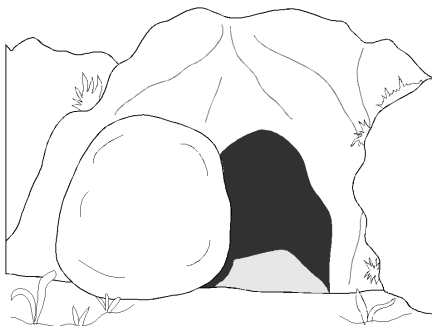
## Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 24th April. All material for inclusion should be placed in the folder in the church lounge (or e-mailed to [newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk)) by **Sunday 10th April.**

**Please note that late contributions may be held over.**

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**Easter** is so late this year, that as I am writing this, we have only just started Lent. On the plus side is the fact that I enjoy some 'time off' near my birthday. With the extra bank holiday for the Royal Wedding, I am sure that many families are going to take the opportunity to have an extended holiday.



The Lent and Easter observance and celebrations in the church are important. With everything beginning to grow again in the garden, and the occasional sunny day, it feels like the world is waking up. Lent gives us a great opportunity to reflect on our faith our worship and our service. The prospects of us getting another minister any time soon seem pretty remote. It is up to everyone to play their part and help to rebuild our fellowship.

As events unfolded leading up to the crucifixion, the disciples and followers of Jesus were becoming more and more concerned and anxious. Everything they had worked so hard for was beginning to unravel. They were despondent, disheartened, bewildered and many other things. They must have felt like they had lost control. And they had. For God was in control.

I've watched some of the programs by Brian Cox, Wonders of the Universe. For me it raises more questions than answers. However, something did set me thinking. The reason we exist is because a star has died. When a star, like our sun comes to the end of its life, it implodes and during this process produces the elements needed to create life. Starting with the very basic gases like hydrogen, helium and oxygen to the heavy elements of carbon, iron etc. I'm sure this is not quite correct and a scientist will correct me, but you get the idea. All the components of life are created when the star dies.

We have many elements to our life, and I am not talking scientifically now. How are all these elements focused? For us to achieve our full potential; for us to be reunited with

creation, a Son had to die to release the power of sin over mankind and restore the relationship with God.

We have any opportunity this Easter to restore our relationship with God and renew our fellowship in the church.

May the loving power of God, which raised Jesus to new life, strengthen you in hope, enrich you with his love, and fill you with joy in the faith.

Happy Easter

*Maai*



"It's the only way we can cope with all the couples who want to get married on the same day as William and Kate."

# Smile Lines

## **The Twenty and the One**

A well-worn five pound note and a similarly distressed twenty-pound note arrived at the Bank of England to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation. The twenty-pound note reminisced about its travels all over the country. "I've had a pretty good life. I've been to Las Vegas and Monte Carlo, the finest restaurants in Paris, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean. "

"Wow!" said the five-pound note, "You've really had an exciting life!" "So tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?" The five pound note replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church , the Baptist Church , and the Anglican Church " The twenty-pound note interrupts, "What's a church?"

## **Smile**

Our local paper runs a popular column called "10 Questions" that spotlights people who live in our community. In addition to the usual inquiries about occupation and age, people are asked questions that give a snapshot of their personalities. Recently one woman was asked, "What's the strangest thing you ever bought?" She answered, "Dog toothpaste." Next question: "What is the most common thing people say to you?" Her answer: "Where did you get such white teeth?"

## **Ears**

Why do they have ear piercing 'while you wait'; is there some other shop where you can drop them off and pick them up later?"

## **Who said that?!**

"The trouble with quotes on the Internet is that you can never know if they are genuine." - Winston Churchill.

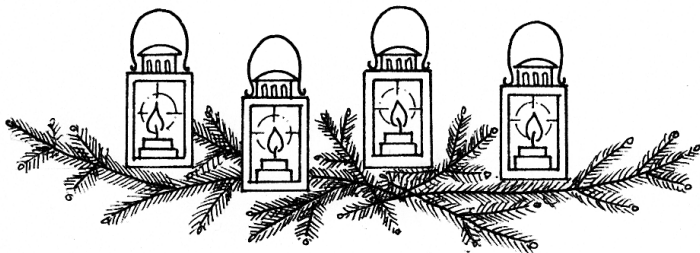
# Here is the News

## Book Club

Our book club now meets on the second Monday in the month. There are usually about 8 of us who meet to discuss the books we have read in the previous month. We try to have an interesting selection and we read modern books as well as some classics. Our meetings are friendly and we have some lively discussions on subjects which concern us as well as the current book which is featured in the Link each week.

If anyone would like to read the book and join us on the Monday evening for coffee and a chat we would be delighted to see you.

We will be reading Long Song by Andrea Levy in March, to be discussed on 11th April.





**Christian Aid  
Week**

**15th - 21st May**

## **Circle the City Sponsored Walk**

The City, London Sunday, 22 May 2011

Walk 6km or 8.5km around the churches of the City of London this May and help stamp out poverty. Learn about Christian Aid's work across the globe, enjoy world-famous sights, explore beautiful churches and see jugglers, face-painters and more! It's a fun afternoon for all the family.

The walk starts from St Mary le Bow, Cheapside EC2 or All Hallows by the Tower EC3. Registration from 1pm

Fight poverty step by step - register to take part NOW

[Www.christianaid.org.uk/walks](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/walks)

Email [LSE@christian-aid.org](mailto:LSE@christian-aid.org) or phone 020 7523 2321

## **Collection**

There will be collections for Christian Aid outside Marks and Spencer's in Enfield during Christian Aid week 15th - 21st May, if you can volunteer for an hour on one or more days please let Doreen know. Thank you

## **Quiz**

We are hosting a quiz night to raise funds for Christian Aid on 21st May at 7pm. Tables should be no more than eight people but don't worry if you can't make up a whole table, there will be people on the night to make a table up with.

Tickets cost £5 and supper is included - See Doreen for yours!

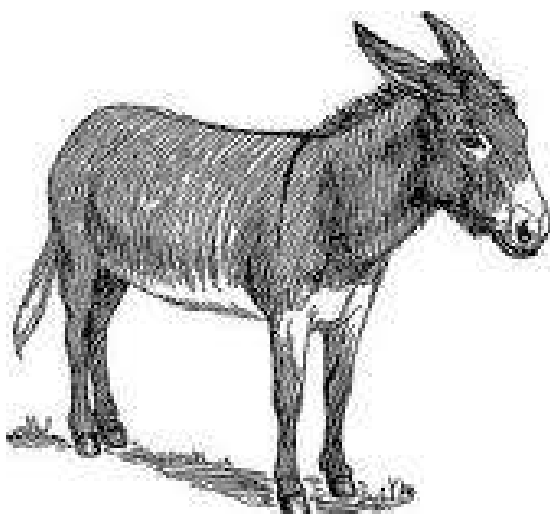
# The colt that brought Jesus into Jerusalem

‘Go your way into the village... you shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him. And if any man say unto you, Why do you this? Say that the Lord hath need of him....’ Mark 11.2,3

Are you feeling ‘tied down’ by cares and responsibilities? If so, you can learn some things from this humble colt. For example, others were ‘in service’, but as yet he had never been used. He was born for a purpose, but had no idea what it was.

Furthermore, when that purpose was finally revealed, it would last only a day. But what a day – carrying the King of Kings into Jerusalem on Good Friday. Incidentally, Billy Sunday the famous American evangelist once said: “This colt knew that the crowd wasn’t waving palms and cheering for him – and that makes him smarter than most of us.” Think about it!

Child of God, the time is coming when your waiting will be over and you’ll hear the words, ‘The Master hath need of thee...’ Just make sure you’re ready and available. Don’t wait for God to show you your future, start living right now. Don’t let today go by without



improving yourself in some way. Spend time with people of vision, sharpen your mind with books and tapes. Leave your comfort zone. Strengthen your faith. Pay the price to reach your potential. And remember – when the time is right, he’ll send for you.



# Diary

## April

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities

Sun 3rd	10:30am	Communion with Chris Hall
Tues 5th	7:45pm	Elders Meeting
Sun 10th	10:30am 5:30pm	Parade with Martin Legg Second Sunday Supper - I am the Light
Sun 17th	10:30am	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Morning Worship with Ray Pettipher
Wed 20th		No Girls Brigade
Thur 21st	8:00pm	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Communion with Martin Legg
Fri 22nd	10:00am	<b>Good Friday</b> Worship at BHP Methodist Church, Wellington Road
Sun 24th	10:30am	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Morning Worship including Messy Church with Martin Legg

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Next newsletter deadline  
Sunday 10th April

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# PRAYER PLAN

APRIL 2011

Creator God, who in the beginning spoke the word  
and the world came to be:

Help us to hear your voice in the world around us

In the people we meet,

And in the story of Jesus, the Word made flesh,

In whose name we pray.

Amen

Friday 1st

The people of Japan after  
the earthquake and the fear  
of radiation poisoning from  
the defective reactors

Saturday 2nd

Sunday's Worship Leader  
and the service tomorrow

Sunday 3rd

Thanks for our mothers and  
all who love and care for us  
during our lives

Monday 4th

Chris and Penny Levett

Tuesday 5th

Christians living in  
Zimbabwe who need food  
and housing

Wednesday 6th

St Marks Road

Thursday 7th

For all those suffering from  
injuries received from riots  
and bombings

Friday 8th

For our Senior and Junior  
Boys Brigade and its leaders

Saturday 9th

Sunday's Worship Leader  
and the service

Sunday 10th

Thanks for the stability of our  
own country which has few  
natural disasters

Monday 11th

Ben Maydon

## Tuesday 12th

The people of Egypt and  
their future

## Wednesday 13th

Second Avenue

## Thursday 14th

Those recently bereaved

## Friday 15th

For our Anchor Boys and  
their leaders

## Saturday 16th

Sunday's Worship Leader  
and the service tomorrow

## Sunday 17th

Thanks for all those who  
faithfully attend our church  
services week by week

## Monday 18th

Gertrude, Forbes & Mwabi  
Mwenya

## Tuesday 19th

For the people of Angola

## Wednesday 20th

Southbury Road

## Thursday 21st

Those who look after our  
church premises

## Friday 22nd

For our Girls Brigade and its  
leaders

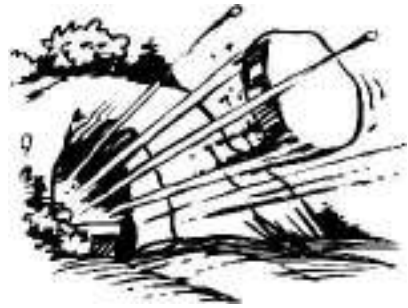
## Saturday 23rd

Sunday's Worship Leader  
and the service tomorrow

## Easter Sunday

Hallelujah

He is Risen



## Monday 25th

Charlotte, Martin & Jessica  
McBride

## Tuesday 26th

For the people of Libya and  
their future

## Wednesday 27th

Third Avenue

## Thursday 28th

For the work of Compassion  
finding sponsors for children  
in poor countries

## Friday 29th

Our good wishes for William  
and Katherine in their  
married life together

## Saturday 30th

Sunday's Worship Leader  
and the service tomorrow

# EASTER

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Communion  
8pm



## **GOOD FRIDAY**

Worship at BHP  
Methodist Church,  
Wellington Road  
10am

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

Worship and Messy  
Church  
10:30am



# Building Fund

Following an update from our surveyor I am now able to confirm the costs of the various works being paid for through our Building Fund. Our revised target for the Building Fund is now £69,807. In addition to this figure we will also need to fund £1243.71 in interest payments (based at our loan rate of 3%).

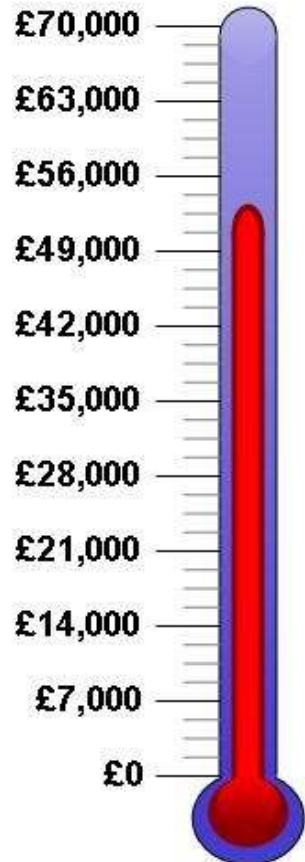
To date we have received £53,338 in donations from individuals, 10% of our letting income, charitable gifts from companies and fundraising events. This has enabled us to significantly reduce the loan requested from the URC to just £19,916. This has to be repaid at a rate of £440.83 per month over 4 years. The interest rate on our loan can increase so the sooner we can pay off the loan the less it will cost us.

So, how can you help? Last year £1,900 was raised through Fundraising Events and I'd like to thank everyone involved in these events. In March our BB Company arranged "Raise the Roof" this was an exceptional event and raised £1,165 and provided us with an evening of quality entertainment. In September after our Songs of Praise Evening Martin Legg and Michael Mireku cooked a BBQ which raised £52. In November Helen Jenkins completed a 10K run raising £371 and Anthony Rensch and team raised £288 by running our Quiz Night.

Can you arrange a fundraising event? We can assist with an online sponsorship page if a sponsored event is your thing. Host a coffee morning where friends buy drinks and food with proceeds to the fund. Sell some of the items from your loft and donate the proceeds. I'm sure there are many better ideas out there!

Thank you all for your support so far. Let's try and concentrate our efforts this year so that we can pay off our loan early.

Martin Hamblin



## Second Sunday Supper – 5.30 pm

Every second Sunday we will have supper together in the church parlour & we will be thinking about the 'I Am' sayings in John's Gospel. Do come & join us.

10th April **I am the Light**

8:12-30

"I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness but shall have the light of life."

8th May **I am the Gate**

10:9

"I am the gate; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved and shall go in and out and find pasture."

12th June **I am the Good Shepherd**

10:1-21

"I am the Good Shepherd; the Good Shepherd lays down His life for His sheep."

10th July **I am the Resurrection**

11:1-27

"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies."

Summer Break

11th Sept **I am the Way**

14:1-14

"I am the way and the truth and the life; no-one comes to the Father but through me."

9th Oct **I am the True Vine**

15:1-8

"I am the true vine and My Father is the vinedresser."

If anyone would like a copy of the study book we will be using, please let me know.

Martin Legg

## Hard choice at sea

After a few of the usual Sunday evening hymns, the vicar welcomed a guest preacher, an old childhood friend. With that, an elderly man stepped up to the pulpit to speak:

"Some years ago a father, his son, and a friend of his son were sailing off the British coast," he began, "when a fast approaching storm blocked any attempt to get back to shore. The waves were so high, that even though the father was an experienced sailor, he could not keep the boat upright, and the three were swept into the ocean."

The old man hesitated for a moment, making eye contact with two teenagers near the back. For the first time since the service began, they looked vaguely interested. He continued, "Grabbing a rescue line, the father had to make the most excruciating decision of his life.... to which boy he would throw the other end of the line. He only had seconds to make the decision. The father knew that his son was a Christian, and he also knew that his son's friend was not. The agony of his decision could not be matched by the torrent of waves. As the father yelled out, 'I love you, son!' he threw the line to his son's friend. By the time he pulled the friend back to the capsized boat, his son had disappeared beyond the raging swells into the black of night. His body was never recovered."

By this time, the two teenagers were sitting straighter in the pew, aghast at what they'd just heard.

"The father," he continued, "knew his son would step into eternity with Jesus, and he could not bear the thought of his son's friend stepping into an eternity without Jesus. Therefore, he sacrificed his son. How great is the love of God that he should do the same for us." With that, the old man turned and sat back down in his chair as silence filled the room.

Within minutes after the service ended, the two teenagers were at the old man's side. "That was a weird story," ventured one of the boys, "No really loving father would ever do that, though, give up his son's life just on the hope that the other boy would become a Christian."

"Well," the old man replied, glancing down at his worn Bible. A smile broadened his narrow face, and he admitted, "It sure isn't very usual, is it? But I told you that story tonight because it not only shows what it must have been like for God to give up his Son to die for us, but because the story is true – you see, I was the son's friend."

# *Boys Brigade News*

How quickly is this year passing us by? Well we have almost come to the end of another year of badge classes. Eight months seem to go by so fast. For most of March most of the boys have been working on Expedition preparation, at either Bronze or Silver Duke of Edinburgh level. This silver level boys have planned the routes we will be walking when we go. Its good training for them, for when they have to plan their own expedition for their silver assessment later in the year.

The bronze levels started to learn basic map skills, compass work and cooking. This will all be put to the test on the expedition at Easter.

There has also been a First Aid badge class for the Juniors with lots of acting each week. In fact there seemed to be a lot of over acting coming from the upper room each week (but that was mainly from Mr Cutts).

Due to the Easter holidays and the extra bank holidays we now have a 4 week break. We are hoping to break this up by running a few trips / nights out at some point. This will help to keep BB in the boys minds over the long break. I also hope that we will be doing a bit of DIY around the church as well. The boy's always seem to enjoy this and it helps to get them active and involved. I know the boys are keen to get stuck into some practical work, so keep your eyes peeled for any improvements!!

Also during the Easter break we are taking some of the boys away on an expedition trip. This year we are going to the Lake District, where it is hoped that on one of the days we will climb Scarfell Pike, which is the highest mountain in England. Once again the boys will have to cook their own meals on stoves and prepare their own packed lunches each day. The older boys will also undertake map reading, route planning and navigation in preparation for their Duke of Edinburgh award.

It is a great experience for the boys and teaches them how to look after themselves in the great outdoors. The achievement and feeling they get



from reaching the top of a high and steep climb is fantastic.

We will be staying in a local farm camp site near Scarfell. This is where the boys will have to prepare all their own meals. The camp site also has a small river running through it. As always we will document the trip with photos which I will arrange to show you all at some point on our return.

After Easter we will be working on the Awards night which this year is happening on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Please feel free to come along and see what the whole company has been up to.

After that we move into the summer session, where the count down until camp really starts. During the summer session we do all sorts of activities, but more about those next time.

All throughout the summer we will continue to run circuit training every Thursday and a military fitness session on most Sundays and Tuesdays.

Don't forget if you know anyone who you think would enjoy being a part of the Brigades then please put them in touch with us.

Andrew Caddies



Jackie demonstrated the position she had invented for more active prayer times.

## *GB News*

The Girls had their District Parade at our church on 20<sup>th</sup> March. To see photos of the day go to [www.facebook.com/bhpurc](http://www.facebook.com/bhpurc).

Some of the Girls are going away over Easter to PGL in Lyddington - details to follow in the next newsletter.

# Wordsearch

A happy and blessed Easter to you! Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. Christ has risen! We are redeemed! We can look forward to an eternity in his joy! Hallelujah! The Good News of Jesus Christ is a message so simple that you can explain it to someone in a few minutes. It is so profound that for the rest of their lives they will be still be 'growing' in their Christian walk. Our word search this month is built around the theme of Easter.

palms	triumphant	messiah	praise	donkey
passover	bread	body	betrayal	false
mock	jerusalem	pilate	judas	gethsemane
crucifixion	soldiers	cross	vinegar	tomb
angel	stone	risen	mary	



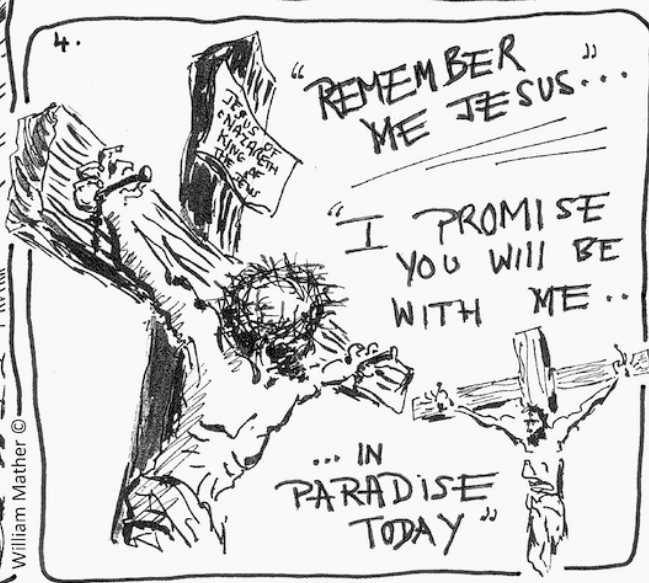
## Bible Sketchbook

### Turn to Jesus now!

The Roman Governor could have saved Jesus, but he was weak. He turned Jesus over to the people who were baying for his blood. The soldiers had already whipped him and mocked him with a crown of thorns. The people got their way. Jesus was crucified even though he was innocent. A criminal dying on a cross nearby put his trust in him. Amazing! Jesus assured him he was forgiven and would have eternal life. That can be true for each of us. But much better to turn to him now than leave it to the last minute like that criminal!



Read more in  
John 19 and  
Luke 24:42



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# BHP DAY BY DAY URC

**Sunday** 10:30am Worship with groups for children and young people (Communion 1st Sunday in the month)  
3:00pm Messy Church (4th Sunday in the month)  
5:30pm Second Sunday Supper (2nd Sunday in the month)

**Monday** 7:30pm Boys' Brigade (Company Section)  
8:00pm Book Club (2nd Monday in the month)

**Wednesday** 6:15pm Girls' Brigade

**Friday** 9:15am Prayers in the Quiet room  
10:15am Baby & Toddler Group  
6:00pm Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys and Junior Section)

